



LARGS REGATTA FESTIVAL CUMBRAES WEEKEND

Saturday 22nd and Sunday 23rd August 2026
Largs, Ayrshire, Scotland, KA30 8EZ

KEELBOAT and MOCRA Multihull Fleet SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The Organising Authority (OA) is Fairlie Yacht Club (FYC).

The notation '[NP]' in a rule means that a boat may not protest another boat for breaking that rule. This changes RRS 60.1(a).

1 RULES

- 1.1 The Event will be governed by the rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS).
- 1.2 The prescriptions of the RYA available at www.rya.org.uk/racing/rules will apply.
The World Sailing Offshore Special Regulations (OSR) available at www.sailing.org will apply.
The IRC rules available at www.ircrating.org will apply (except for Part D that will NOT apply).
The CYCA Handicap System available at www.cyca-online.org.uk will apply.
The Multihull Offshore Cruising & Racing Association (MOCRA) Rating Rules available at <https://mocra-sailing.org.uk/racing/> will apply.

2 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted by 2000 on the day before it will take effect.

3 COMMUNICATIONS WITH COMPETITORS

- 3.1 The online official noticeboard is located at: www.largsregattafestival.com. There will be no physical noticeboard.
- 3.2 On the water, the race committee intends to monitor and communicate with competitors on VHF Channel 77.
- 3.3 The Race Committee's (RC) intentions for the day may be announced on VHF Ch 77 from 0900 with information that may include advice such as remaining in port until weather improves, intended starting location or other helpful information.
- 3.4 [DP] From the first warning signal until the end of the last race of the day, except in an emergency, a boat shall not make voice or data transmissions and shall not receive voice or data communication that is not available to all boats.
- 3.5 A WhatsApp Group may be used to provide additional event information, details of how to join the group can be seen at Appendix 5. Note that the official means of communicating racing information is via the WhatsApp Group.

4 CODE OF CONDUCT

- 4.1 [DP] Competitors and support persons shall comply with reasonable requests from race officials.
- 4.2 [DP] Competitors and support persons shall place advertising provided by the OA with care, seamanship, in accordance with any instructions for its use and without interfering with its functionality.

5 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 5.1 Signals ashore shall be made from the flagpole located on the Northwest corner of the Largs Sailing Club balcony, under code Flag K.

6 SCHEDULE OF RACES

<i>Date</i>	<i>Classes</i>	<i>1st Warning Signal not before</i>	<i>No of Races</i>
Saturday 22 AUG 2026	Class 5 CYCA Restricted Sail*, Class 6 MOCRA Multihull, Class 7 Two Handed, Class 8 Two Handed (Restricted Sail*).	10:05	Up to 2
	Class 1 IRC, Class 2 IRC, Class 3 CYCA, Class 4 CYCA.	10.30	Up to 4
Sunday 23 AUG 2026 The Round Cumbraes Race	Class 1 IRC, Class 2 IRC, Class 3 CYCA, Class 4 CYCA, Class 5 CYCA Restricted Sail*, Class 6 MOCRA Multihull, Class 7 Two Handed, Class 8 Two Handed (Restricted Sail*)	10.00	1

***Restricted Sail:** Spinnakers shall not be used, and only one headsail may be used at any one time except for cutter rigged (or similar) yachts that have 2 (or more) headsails recorded on their CYCA rating certificate that may use the recorded number of headsails simultaneously.

- 6.1 To alert boats that a race or sequence of races will begin soon, an orange flag will be displayed (with one sound) not less than 5 minutes before the first warning signal of a series of starts is displayed.
- 6.2 The OA may combine, divide, or add classes depending on the number of entries, class starts may also be combined at the discretion of the RC. The class starting order will be announced by VHF prior to a warning signal being made.
- 6.3 The OA will publish the finalised keelboat class divisions on the official notice board (see the event website, www.largsregattafestival.com) no later than 20:00 hours on Friday 21 AUG 2026.

Please check the class divisions on the website prior to taking part in the event.

7 CLASS FLAGS

<i>Class</i>	<i>Rating System</i>	<i>Class Flag</i>
Class 1	IRC	Num Pennant 1
Class 2	IRC	Num Pennant 2
Class 3	CYCA	Num Pennant 3
Class 4	CYCA	Num Pennant 4
Class 5 Restricted Sail	CYCA	Num Pennant 5
Class 6 Multihull	CYCA	Num Pennant 6
Class 7 Two handed	CYCA	Num Pennant 7
Class 8 Two handed Restricted Sail	CYCA	Num Pennant 8

- 7.1 [DP][NP] Keelboat competitors should display their class flag in a prominent position from their backstay (or starboard shroud for boats without a backstay).

8 RACING AREAS

8.1 SATURDAY

- 8.1.1 Keelboats will race in the area to the north of Great Cumbrae. The keelboat Committee Vessel (CV) may broadcast her approximate location on VHF Ch 77. Competitors should be aware that the keelboat race area may be up to 6NM from Largs Yacht Haven.

Note: Dinghies, Catamarans and other classes will be racing in the Largs Channel. Keelboat competitors are asked to keep clear of the other race courses when transiting the Largs Channel.

8.2 SUNDAY

- 8.2.1 Keelboats will race around the Cumbrae Islands and race marks as described in Appendix 3. The keelboat CV will be located in the Largs Channel and may broadcast her approximate location on VHF Ch 77 prior to the start of racing.

9 COURSES

9.1 SATURDAY

9.1.1 Course configurations for all classes (except Classes 5, 6, 7 and 8) are as described in Appendix 1. The Race Officer will advise the course to be sailed on VHF Ch 77 prior to the warning signal for each class.

9.1.2 SATURDAY, Classes 5, 6, 7 and 8 only: The Race Officer will advise the course to be sailed by VHF Ch 77 using the marks detailed in Appendix 2. The course will be announced prior to the warning signal and will be confirmed as correctly transmitted by a second Race Official.

9.2 SUNDAY

9.2.1 Round Cumbraes Race: the Race Officer will advise the course to be sailed by VHF Ch 77 for each class using the marks detailed in Appendix 3. The course will be announced prior to the warning signal and will be confirmed as correctly transmitted by a second Race Official.

10 MARKS

10.1 SATURDAY

10.1.1 Marks for classes 1, 2, 3 and 4 are as described in Appendix 1.

10.1.2 Classes 5, 6, 7 and 8 only: Course marks are as described in Appendices 2 and 4, the RC will advise the course to be sailed by VHF Ch 77 prior to the warning signal for each race.

10.2 SUNDAY

Marks for all Classes on Sunday are as described in Appendices 3 and 4.

11 OBSTRUCTIONS

11.1 The entrance to Largs Yacht Haven is designated as an obstruction, when racing boats shall not pass between the red and white striped safe water mark and the entrance to the Marina.

12 THE START

12.1 The starting line will be between two orange race marks. The Committee vessel will not be anchored and will be on station by the starting marks.

12.2 [DP][NP] Competitors are asked to respect the CV and leave a minimum 3m gap when approaching or passing it.

12.3 Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area.

12.4 If any part of a boat's hull is on the course side of the starting line at her starting signal and she is identified, the race committee will attempt to hail her sail number by VHF. Failure to hail her number, failure of her to hear such a hail, or the order in which boats are hailed will not be grounds for a redress for request. This changes RRS 62.1(a).

12.5 The normal starting sequence shall not be interrupted by a general recall. The warning signal for the class which has had a general recall shall be five minutes before its starting signal and shall normally be displayed at the starting signal of the last class to start correctly in the schedule. If more than one class is subject to a general recall, the second of these classes shall start five minutes after the first and so on. If a class subject to general recall is the last or only class to start, the next signal shall be the new warning signal, which shall normally be displayed five minutes after the original starting time.

12.6 SATURDAY, Classes 5, 6, 7 and 8 ONLY: A boat that does not start within 10 minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start without a hearing. This changes RRS A5.1 and A5.2.

13 CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE

The next leg of the course will not be changed during racing.

14 THE FINISH

14.1 SATURDAY ONLY: The finishing line for all classes (except Classes 5,6,7 and 8) will be between a CV displaying a blue flag and the finish mark or danbuoy.

14.2 Saturday, CLASSES 5,6,7 and 8 ONLY: The RC will advise the course to be sailed by VHF Ch 77 prior to the first signal, including the location and description of the finish line. If the race committee is absent when a boat finishes, she should report her finishing time, and her position in relation to nearby boats, to the RC at the first reasonable opportunity.

14.3 SUNDAY ONLY: The finishing line for all classes will be between a staff or mast displaying a blue flag on the committee vessel and a blue inflatable mark, located to the south west of Largs Yacht Haven.

14.4 SHORTENED COURSE

14.5 If the race is to be shortened under RRS 32.2 the CV displaying Flag S may not be at anchor.

14.5.1 SUNDAY ONLY. In addition to RRS 32.2, the Round Cumbrae Race may be shortened at approximately 90 degrees to an island and may use a landmark for reference. Boats shall finish by passing between the CV displaying flag K AND flag S and the island and/or landmark.

15 PENALTY SYSTEM

15.1 The Two-Turns penalty shall be replaced by the One-Turn penalty. This changes RRS 44.1.

16 TIME LIMITS

16.1 Saturday

<i>Class</i>	<i>Race Target Time</i>	<i>Race Time Limit</i>	<i>Finishing Window</i>
1, 2, 3 and 4	50 min	90 min	20 min
5, 6, 7 and 8	120min	180min	45min

The Finishing Window is the time for boats to finish after the first boat in their class sails the course and finishes. Boats failing to finish within the Finishing Window, and not subsequently retiring, penalized or given redress, will be scored Time Limit Expired (TLE) without a hearing. This changes RRS 35, A5.1, A5.2 and A10.

16.2 Sunday:

The time limit for all competitors on the Sunday race is 1600hrs. Boats that fail to finish before the time limit will be scored TLE without a hearing. This changes RRS 35, A5.1, A5.2 and A10.

16.3 If no boats within a Class finish within the time limit, times taken (if available) at an earlier mark may be used to calculate results. Subsequent retirements or rule infringements shall be disregarded.

16.4 A boat scored TLE shall be scored points for the finishing place one more than the points scored by the last boat that finished within the Finishing Window. This changes RRS 35, A5.1, A5.2 and A10.

17 HEARING REQUESTS

17.1 Protest hearings and RYA arbitration will take place in Largs Sailing Club.

17.2 Protest forms are available from the office in Largs SC. Protests shall be delivered there within the protest time limit.

17.3 RRS Appendix T Applies.

17.4 The protest time limit is 60 minutes after the last boat has finished the last race of the day, or 60 minutes after the race committee signals "no more racing today", whichever is later. On Saturday, the protest time limit will be extended to 90 minutes after the last boat has finished or 90 minutes after the race committee signals "no more racing today", whichever is later. The time limit will be posted on the event website at the conclusion of racing.

17.5 Notices shall be posted within 30 minutes of the expiry of the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses. Hearings shall be heard in the protest hearing room normally located upstairs in Largs SC. Parties to each protest are requested to remain in the vicinity.

17.6 Notices of protests by the race committee shall be posted to inform boats under RRS 61.1(b).

17.7 Protests shall be heard as soon as possible, in approximately the order of receipt. It is the responsibility of the Protestor, Protestee and Witnesses to make themselves available for the hearing.

17.8 On the last day of the Regatta a request for reopening a hearing shall be delivered:

- (a) within the protest time limit if the party requesting reopening was informed of the decision on the previous day;
- (b) no later than 15 minutes after the party requesting reopening was informed of the decision on that day.

This changes RRS Rule 66.

18 SCORING

18.1 One race is required to be completed to constitute a series.

(a) When fewer than 4 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.

(b) When 4 or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.

19 SAFETY REGULATIONS

19.1 NAVIGATION MARKS: Channel marker buoys may be left on either hand unless they are a designated mark of the course (see Appendices to these sailing instructions for details). The CPA South Cardinal 'No 38' (Tann Spit Buoy) to the southwest of Great Cumbrae, and CPA Red Can - 'HUN 3' (Tomont) to the northeast of Great Cumbrae shall be passed on their proper side.

19.2 Clydeport Operations Limited Restriction [DP].

NARROW CHANNELS. Attention is drawn to the International Regulations for the prevention of collisions at sea, 1972. Particular notice shall be taken of Rule 9b, which states that "a vessel of less than 20m in length or a sailing vessel shall not impede the passage of a vessel which can safely navigate only within a narrow channel or fairway". Whilst racing or on a passage in the Firth of Clyde north of Cumbrae Head yachts shall regard any such recommended channels as a "Narrow Channel" within the meaning of the IRLCS 9b.

Furthermore, Clydeport Operations Limited has decreed that any waters in the Firth of Clyde where vessels by virtue of their size, draught, speed or proximity to land, hazards and other vessels are unable to manoeuvre freely shall be regarded as a "Narrow Channel". Whilst racing, any yacht which is unable for reasons of lack of wind or other cause, to sail clear of a large power-driven vessel shall start her engine and/or paddle in order to clear and thereafter shall report full details to the Race Committee.

Competitors are reminded of the Clydeport Operations Limited by-law, which prohibits yachts and other craft from manoeuvring within 100m of any ferry terminal. Particular regard should be paid to this when in the vicinity of the Caledonian MacBrayne facilities at Largs and Cumbrae.

19.3 [DP] Any boat leaving the course area should notify the CV as soon as practicable.

20 REPLACEMENT OF CREW OR EQUIPMENT

Substitution of the registered person in charge during the series is not permitted without prior written approval of the Race Committee.

21 EQUIPMENT AND MEASUREMENT CHECKS

21.1 [DP] A boat or equipment may be inspected at any time for compliance with the appropriate class rules and sailing instructions. On the water, a boat can be instructed by a race committee measurer to proceed immediately to a designated area for inspection.

22 SUPPLIED BOATS – Not applicable at this event.

23 OFFICIAL VESSELS – Not applicable at this event.

24 SUPPORT TEAMS – Not applicable at this event.

25 TRASH DISPOSAL

Trash should be retained onboard individual boats and disposed of appropriately.

26 BERTHING – Not applicable at this event.

27 HAUL OUT RESTRICTIONS

[DP] Boats shall not be hauled out during the event except with and according to the terms of prior written permission of the race committee.

28 DIVING EQUIPMENT AND PLASTIC POOLS – Not applicable at this event.

29 PRIZES

29.1 The main prize giving will take place in Largs SC ASAP following completion of racing on Sunday.

29.2 Prizes will be awarded for a series of races combining Saturday and Sunday's results. Separate prizes will be awarded for the Round Cumbraes Race.

29.3 The winners of each class may receive a trophy and up to three class prizes will be awarded.

29.4 The ENTERPRISE AYRSHIRE ROSEBOWL will be awarded to the yacht, dinghy or catamaran that, in the opinion of the Largs Regatta Festival Committee, has produced the best overall performance of all boats during Largs Regatta Festival.

29.5 The HUNTERSTON WHEEL TROPHY for the Yacht of the Event will be awarded to the yacht that, in the opinion of the Largs Regatta Festival Committee, has produced the best performance during Largs Regatta Festival.

30 RISK STATEMENT

30.1 Rule 3 of the Racing Rules of Sailing states: "The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue racing is hers alone."

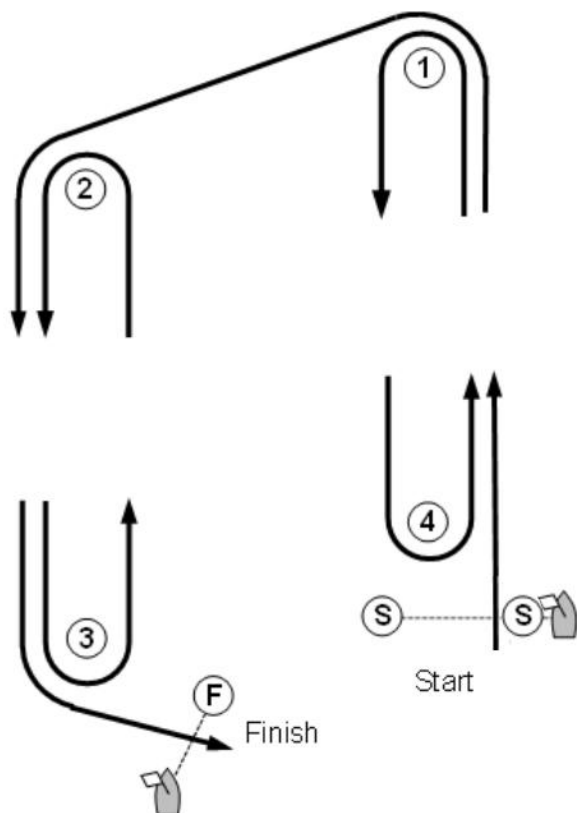
30.2 Sailing is by its nature an unpredictable sport and therefore inherently involves an element of risk. By taking part in the event, each competitor agrees and acknowledges that:

- a) They are aware of the inherent element of risk involved in the sport and accept responsibility for the exposure of themselves, their crew and their boat to such inherent risk whilst taking part in the event.
- b) They are responsible for the safety of themselves, their crew, their boat and their other property whether afloat or ashore.
- c) They accept responsibility for any injury, damage or loss to the extent caused by their own actions or omissions.
- d) Their boat is in good order, equipped to sail in the event and they are fit to participate.
- e) The provision of a race management team, patrol boats and other officials and volunteers by the event organiser does not relieve them of their own responsibilities.
- f) The provision of patrol boat cover is limited to such assistance, particularly in extreme weather conditions, as can be practically provided in the circumstances.
- g) It is their responsibility to familiarise themselves with any risks specific to this venue or this event drawn to their attention in any rules and information produced for the venue or event and to attend any safety briefing held for the event.

31 INSURANCE

Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of £3,000,000 per incident or the equivalent.

SATURDAY COURSES Classes 1, 2,3 and 4



Trapezoid Courses

Course A:
Start, 1, 2, 3, 2, 3, Finish

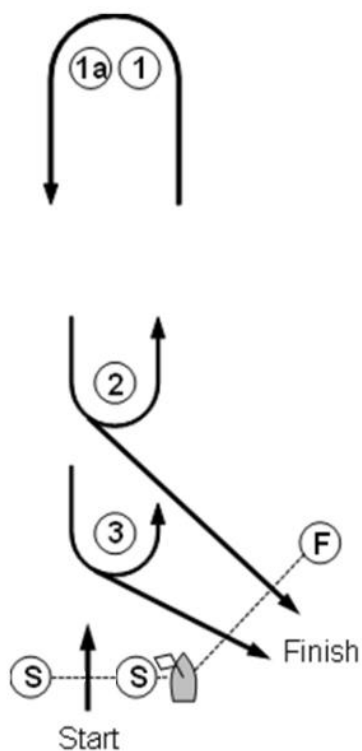
Course B:
Start, 1, 2, 3, 2, 3, 2, 3, Finish

Course C:
Start, 1, 4, 1, 2, 3, Finish

Course D:
Start, 1, 4, 1, 4, 1, 2, 3, Finish

Marks

S	Orange inflatable
1, 2, 3, 4	Blue inflatable
F	Danbuoy



Windward/Leeward Courses

Course E:
Start, 1, 1a, 3, 1, 1a, 3, Finish

Course F:
Start, 1, 1a, 3, 1, 1a, 3, 1, 1a, 3, Finish

Course G:
Start, 1, 1a, 2, 1, 1a, 2, Finish

Course H:
Start, 1, 1a, 2, 1, 1a, 2, 1, 1a, 2, Finish

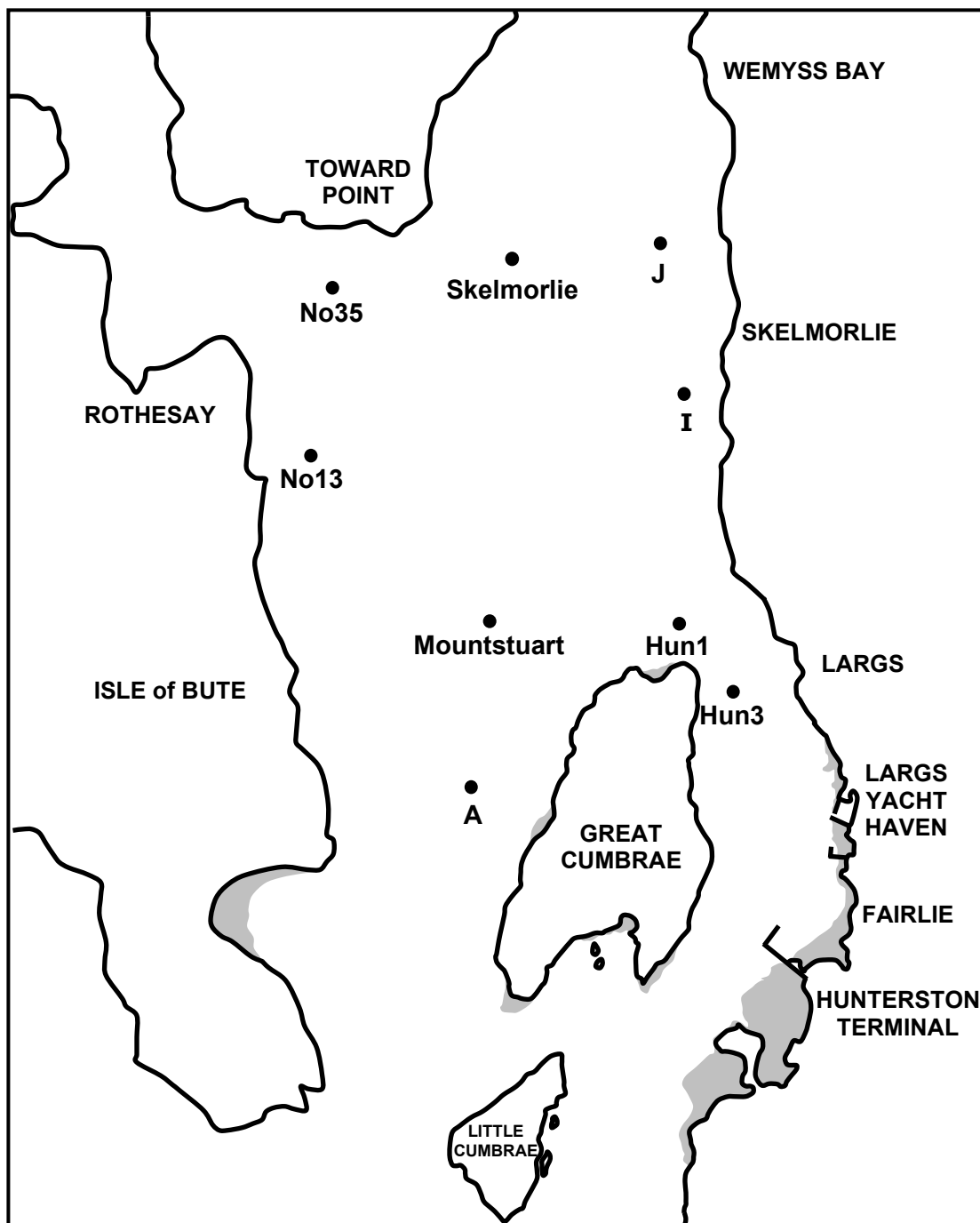
Marks

S	Orange inflatable
1, 1a	Blue inflatable
2, 3	Blue inflatable
F	Danbuoy or Committee vessel

CLASSES 5, 6, 7 and 8 COURSE MARKS – SATURDAY ONLY

**The course to be sailed will be advised by the
Race Officer on VHF Ch 77**

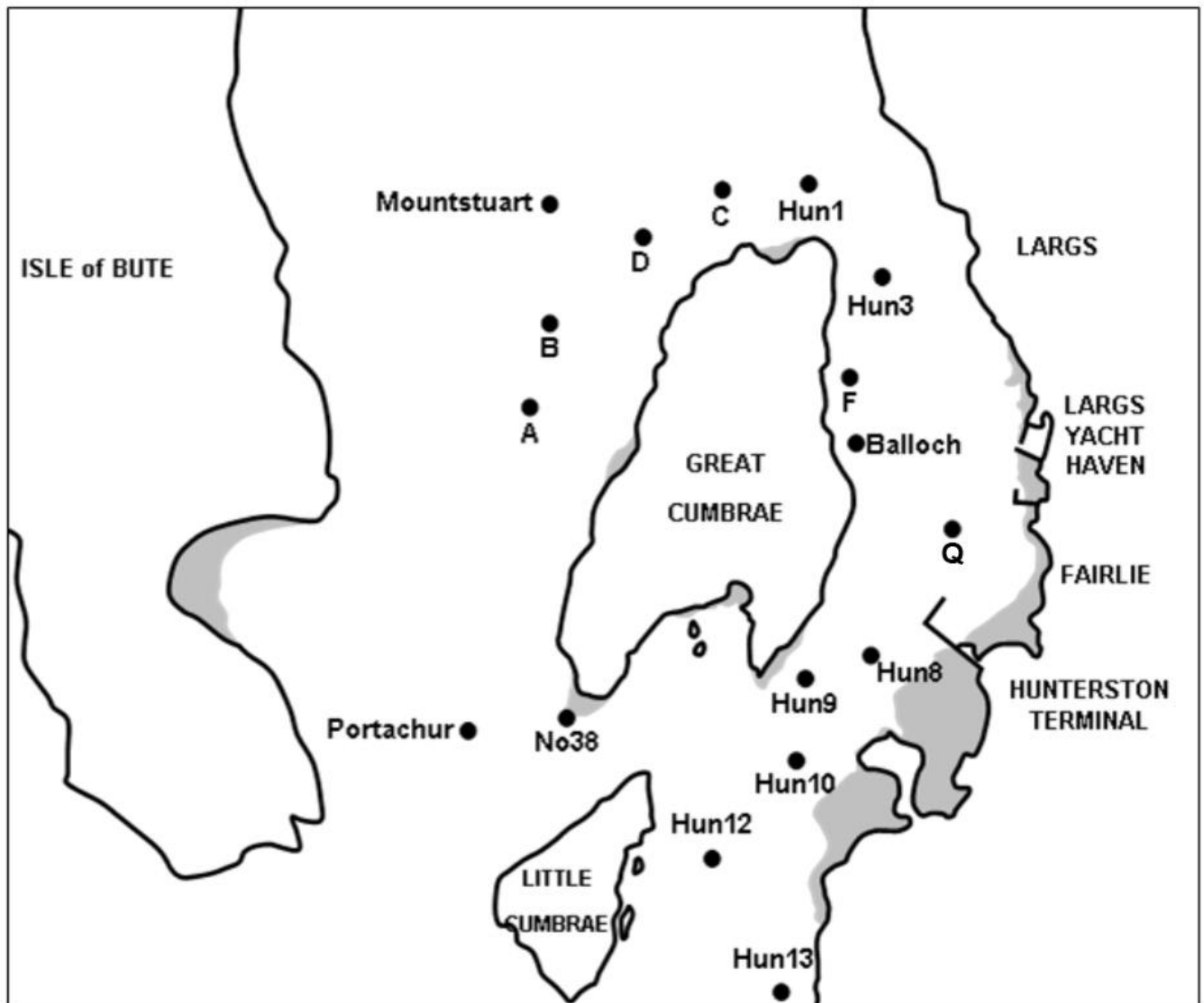
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MARKS AVAILABLE FOR KEELBOAT COURSES - SUNDAY ONLY

**The course to be sailed will be advised by the
Race Officer on VHF Ch 77**

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Appendix 4 – List of Designated Race Marks

Designated Race Mark	Approximate Position
"X" Yellow Inflatable Race Mark.	To be announced on VHF Ch 77 by RC.
Great Cumbrae	As per UKHO Chart
Little Cumbrae	As per UKHO Chart
"A" Navigation Buoy (green)	N 55° 46'.5 W 004° 57'.8
"B" Navigation Buoy (yellow)	N 55° 47'.1 W 004° 57'.5
"Balloch" FYC Orange Race Mark	N 55° 46'.2 W 004° 53'.7
"C" Navigation Buoy (green)	N 55° 48'.1 W 004° 55'.3
"D" Navigation Buoy (red)	N 55° 47'.9 W 004° 56'.3
"F" FYC Orange Race Mark	N 55° 46'.7 W 004° 53'.8
"Hun 1" Navigation Buoy (yellow)	N 55° 48'.1 W 004° 54'.2
"Hun 3" Navigation Buoy (red) - PASS TO THE PROPER SIDE	N 55° 47'.6 W 004° 53'.5
"Hun 8" Navigation Buoy (green)	N 55° 44'.8 W 004° 53'.7
"Hun 9" Navigation Buoy (red)	N 55° 44'.6 W 004° 54'.4
"Hun 10" Navigation Buoy (green)	N 55° 44'.2 W 004° 54'.9
"Hun 12" Navigation Buoy (red)	N 55° 43'.5 W 004° 55'.6
"Hun 13" Navigation Buoy (green)	N 55° 42'.5 W 004° 55'.2
"I" Navigation Buoy (green)	N 55° 50'.3 W 004° 54'.3
"J" Navigation Buoy (red)	N 55° 51'.5 W 004° 54'.7
"Mountstuart" Safe Water Buoy (red white)	N 55° 47'.9 W 004° 57'.6
"Portachur" Navigation Buoy (green)	N 55° 44'.3 W 004° 58'.5
"Q" FYC Orange Race Mark (in place of HUN 5)	N 55° 45'.67 W 004° 52'.30
"Skelmorlie" Red/White safe water mark	N 55° 51'.65 W 004° 56'.33
"No 13" Isolated Danger Beacon (black red black)	N 55° 49'.7 W 005° 00'.3
"No 35" Navigation Buoy (green)	N 55° 51'.0 W 005° 00'.0
"No 38" South Cardinal – PASS TO THE PROPER SIDE	N 55° 44'.3, W 004° 57'.1

Note: FYC= Fairlie Yacht Club local laid mark



Largs Regatta Festival Competitors' Whatapp

